

## **NEWS FROM SCDCA**

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## SCDCA and Department of Employment and Workforce Partner to Warn Businesses about Scams

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) has partnered with the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) to warn businesses about fake email requests.

These requests often come from individuals posing as the company's CEO or other executive and can result in the loss of vast amounts of money and sensitive personal identifying information. Through the joint effort, approximately 43,000 South Carolina businesses were provided tips on how to guard their company from falling victim to the CEO imposter scams.

"We are thankful to DEW for partnering with us to bring this valuable information to the businesses," said SCDCA Administrator Carri Grube Lybarker. "By implementing the simple tips in the alert, businesses can better protect their assets, including personal information of customers."

Anyone can view the <u>scam alert in its entirety</u> by visiting <u>www.consumer.sc.gov</u>. For more information on other types of business scams, visit <u>SCDCA's Spotlight</u>. To report a scam, call (844) 835-5322 or visit SCDCA's website and click Report a Scam.

## **About SCDCA**

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit <a href="https://www.consumer.sc.gov">www.consumer.sc.gov</a> or call toll-free, (800) 922-1594.

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